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Endy, Except - the Lord build the house. My labour - in vain
that build it: when the Lord builds, My labours also - but,
not in vain. There is the promise for the edifying of the
~~other~~ ^{other} + righteous + godly Christian character, except
as we shall labour, laying brick upon brick?
We many well believe that, in this matter, the
Lord & Giver of life, Himself, ~~sate~~ ^{is} in ~~as~~ ^a gracious
undertaking the office of Parent to every willing + obedient
Child. But here is where the privilege & the responsibility of
the human parent - come in: During the week ~~stands~~
years of the Child. The laying of brick to brick falls
to the parent - the foundation & the lower moral
rounds of the building upon which the ~~rest~~
~~rests the rest~~ - of whose stability - the safety of
the whole depends. It rests with the parent to instill
goodness, as it were: to lay such habits - good - doing
virtue - being as are ^{to support} ~~fit~~ for a building of God, & able
to bear the weight of the ~~with the advantage of superstructure~~ ^{great}.

Parents labour at - the very ground work, the
foundations, of the new structure that shall be; and
though the divine power is well able to beautify
the mean & add strength to the tottering, nevertheless,
experience supports the record, that to him such
help shall be given: that strength shall be added
to strength, & grace, to beauty. Therefore, it behoves
parents to study the principles of this divine architecture
which is their vocation. No random, purposeless
heaping of stone upon stone will do here: no, nor
an unimpaired attempt - to build after a design.
There are laws to be followed, principles to be
worked out. And let - it not stagger our weak
parts

faith that these laws are co-pressed as well as spiritual.
It is not that corporeal laws govern the body, &
spiritual laws, the thinking part of us; it is, that he
who hath redeemed our vile body hath made
both one man: when we shall perceive how
physical & moral conditions co-operate ^{to} ~~how~~
^{we are able to} among ~~among~~ employ these conditions, we shall have made
one more step towards entering on the heritage of
redeemed humanity. But more ~~more~~ more of
protest against the materialistic temper
which would place the body & all that pertains to
it - under a lower, - the spirit; that which is of
above, & if it becomes more & more plain that
the body exists for the uses of the spirit, what then?
Have we not - always known as much?
Conclusion? has

Hence we not - always
 But: What - becomes of conversion? has
 been asked in miss connections: a needless
 question, perhaps, for we know that conversion
 is not the building up of character, but is the
 appalling spontaneously joyful recognition of its
 loss by the evil person; & that, whether it be one
 great-miracle of grace, or the thousand precious
 conversions that come to each of us, when the
 Lord turns him about - & looks upon us, and for
 out - & weeps bitterly - to be, ^{henceforth,} sweetly restored.
 Thus we come within the sphere of higher laws
 than we can know anything about: it is ours only
 to lay capacity for this infinite goodness of catastrophe.
 As for the marvellous growth of character that
 follows conversion, is it marvellous, according
 to Donaldson?